

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 7 are deleted by this amendment, without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-12 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,592,565 to Shojima ("Shojima"). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Shojima.

Shojima shows a character font creation device that creates a font based on a single character (See, FIGs. 28a and 28b) and the accompanying description contained in Col. 5, lines 30-53, entitled "Prepare a personal font"). As clearly shown, the font is based on the single character in the rightmost box of line 4 of FIGs. 28a and 28b.

In sharp contrast thereto, Shojima does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a creation unit for creating a new font on the basis of the plurality of handwritten characters" as required by Claim 1 and as substantially required by each of Claims 6, 8, and 9.

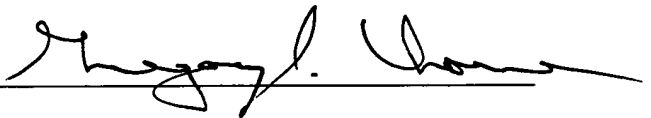
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9 are patentable over Shojima and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 3-5, and 10-12 depend from one of the independent claims and accordingly are

allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the dependent claims.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

1. Apparatus for reproducing handwritten input, comprising:

an input device for inputting ~~one or more~~ a plurality of handwritten characters,

a recognition unit for recognizing the ~~one or more~~ plurality of handwritten characters,

a creation unit for creating a new font on the basis of the plurality of handwritten characters,

a selection unit for selecting ~~a~~ the new font, wherein the selection unit is arranged to select the new font as the selected font in which the one or more display characters are displayed, and

a display unit for ~~on a display device in the selected font~~ displaying one or more display characters corresponding to respective ones of the recognized handwritten characters,

~~characterized in that~~

~~the selection unit is arranged to select the font on the basis of the one or more handwritten characters.~~

3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the creation unit is arranged to create the font on basis of averaging over a number of handwritten characters and on the basis characteristics in this number of handwritten characters.

6. (Amended) System for transmission of handwritten input comprising:

- a transmitter having an input device for inputting ~~one or more~~ a plurality of handwritten characters, a recognition unit for recognizing the ~~one or more~~ plurality of handwritten characters and representing them as one or more respective character codes, a creation unit for creating a new font on the basis of the plurality of handwritten characters, a selection unit for selecting ~~a~~ the new font, and transmission means for transmitting the one or more character codes and a font identification of the selected font to a transmission medium; and

- a receiver having receiving means for receiving the one or more character codes and the font identification from the transmission medium and a display unit for ~~on a display device in the selected font~~ displaying one or more display characters corresponding to respective ones of the character codes, ~~characterized in that~~
~~the selection unit is arranged to select the font on the basis of the one or more handwritten characters.~~

8. (Amended) Transmitter for use in a system for transmission of handwritten input, the transmitter comprising an input device for inputting ~~one or more~~ a plurality of handwritten characters, a recognition unit for recognizing the ~~one or more~~ plurality of handwritten characters and representing them as one or more respective

character codes, a creation unit for creating a new font on the basis of the plurality of handwritten characters, a selection unit for selecting ~~athe new~~ font, and transmission means for transmitting the one or more characters codes and a font identification of the selected font to a transmission medium, ~~characterized in that the selection unit is arranged to select the font on the basis of the one or more handwritten characters.~~

9. (Amended) Method of reproducing handwritten input, comprising the steps of:

- inputting ~~one or more~~ a plurality of handwritten characters,
 - recognizing the ~~one or more~~ plurality of handwritten characters, creating a new font on the basis of the plurality of handwritten characters,
 - selecting ~~athe new~~ font, and
 - in the selected font displaying one or more display characters corresponding to respective ones of the recognized handwritten characters,
- ~~characterized in that the font is selected on the basis of the one or more handwritten characters.~~